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Response to Amendment

The reply filed on 03-17-04 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): newly amended claims 33,36,37,38,41 and 43 have all been amended but did not keep the same scope of the claims which the examiner stated in the last office action contained allowable subject matter. The new amendment has broadened these claims by deleting the "means" language for several components and therefore it is incumbent on the applicant to specifically state which limitations in these newly amended claims make them patentable over the previously applied references of Yoshikazu and Gradon. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Glenn K Dawson whose telephone number is 703-308-4304. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 7:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, McDermott or Shaver can be reached on 703-308-0858. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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